

# Complex Numbers

$$\mathbb{C} = \{a + bi : a, b \in \mathbb{R}\} \quad \text{where } \underline{i^2 = -1}.$$

Note  $\mathbb{C}$  has two operations:

$$(a_1 + b_1 i) + (a_2 + b_2 i) = (a_1 + a_2) + \underline{(b_1 + b_2)} i$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a_1 + b_1 i) \cdot (a_2 + b_2 i) &= a_1 a_2 + a_1 b_2 i + b_1 a_2 i + b_1 b_2 i^2 \\ &= (a_1 a_2 - b_1 b_2) + (a_1 b_2 + b_1 a_2) i \end{aligned}$$

Observation: when  $b_1 = 0$ ,  $a_1 (a_2 + b_2 i) = (a_1 a_2) + (a_1 b_2) i$

The Complex numbers form a (real) vector space!

Even better: Use complex numbers instead of real numbers when defining vector spaces...

This yields Complex vector spaces!

Ex:  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{C} \right\} = \mathbb{C}^3$

NB: Everything we've done so far can be extended to complex vector spaces as well 😊.

Point: Don't be afraid of complex numbers...

Last Time: The eigenvalues of a matrix  $M$  are the roots of the characteristic polynomial  $\underline{P_M(\lambda)}$ .  
 $P_M(\lambda) = \det(M - \lambda I)$

Ex: Compute E-values of  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Sol: 
$$P_M(\lambda) = \det \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$
$$= \det \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & -1 \\ 1 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= (1-\lambda)^2 - (1 \cdot -1) = (1-\lambda)^2 + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P_M(\lambda) = 0 &\Leftrightarrow (1-\lambda)^2 + 1 = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (1-\lambda)^2 = -1 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 1-\lambda = \pm i \\ &\Leftrightarrow \lambda = 1 \pm i \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore M$  has complex eigenvalues!



Q: Given an E-value, what are its eigenvectors?

Ex: Consider  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P_M(\lambda) &= \det \begin{bmatrix} 3-\lambda & 1 \\ 2 & 2-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (3-\lambda)(2-\lambda) - 2 \\ &= 6 - 5\lambda + \lambda^2 - 2 \\ &= \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 4 \\ &= (\lambda - 4)(\lambda - 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore P_M(\lambda) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda = 4 \text{ or } \lambda = 1.$$

Because  $E$ -vectors must satisfy

$$Mv = \lambda v \quad \text{i.e.} \quad (M - \lambda I)v = 0$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad v \in \text{null}(M - \lambda I),$$

we can find  $E$ -vectors by computing  $\text{null}(M - \lambda I)$ !

$$\text{For } \lambda = 4: M - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} - 4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \begin{array}{c} x \quad y \\ \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \begin{array}{c} x \quad y \\ \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \quad \leftarrow \text{Solving } (M - 4I) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

When  $\begin{cases} -x + y = 0 \end{cases}$  we have solution!

Point:  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ x \end{bmatrix}$  should be an eigenvector for  $\lambda = 4$

$$\text{Check: } \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4x \\ 4x \end{bmatrix} = 4 \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

$\therefore \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis of eigenspace of  $\lambda = 4$ .

(Recall: Eigenspace associated to  $\lambda$  is  $V_\lambda := \{v \in V : Mv = \lambda v\}$ )

For  $\lambda = 1$ : Compute  $\text{null}(M - 1I)$

$$M - I = \begin{bmatrix} 3-1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2-1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} x \quad y \\ \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} 2x + y = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow y = -2x$$

Thus  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  forms a basis for E-space  $V_1$ .

Check:  $M \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3-2 \\ 2-4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$

Hence, we have  $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  a basis of eigenvectors of  $M$  for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ...

On a whim: Let's compute  $\text{Rep}_{B,B}(L_M)$ .

where  $\text{Rep}_{E_2, E_2}(L_M) = M$ :

\*  $\text{Rep}_{E_2, B}(\text{id}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Rep}_{B, E_2}(\text{id})$ .

Compute:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\therefore \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}}_Q^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}}_{Q^{-1}} \checkmark$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V_{E_2} & \xrightarrow{\text{Rep}_{E_2, E_2}(L_M)} & V_{E_2} \\ \downarrow \text{Rep}_{E_2, B}^{(i)} & & \downarrow \text{Rep}_{E_2, B}^{(i)} \\ V_B & \xrightarrow{\text{Rep}_{B, B}(L_M)} & V_B \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V_{E_2} & \xrightarrow{M} & V_{E_2} \\ Q \downarrow & & \downarrow Q \\ V_B & \xrightarrow{D} & V_B \end{array}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{D} &= Q^{-1} M Q \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

is a diagonal matrix w/ E-values on diag...

Q: When is  $M$  "diagonalizable"?

Defn: Two  $n \times n$  matrices  $A, B$  are similar when there is an invertible matrix  $P$  such that  $A = P^{-1} B P$ . Matrix  $M$  is diagonalizable when there is a diagonal matrix  $D$  to which  $M$  is similar.

Ex: We just showed  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is similar to  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = D$ , so  $M$  is diag'ble.

In general, it turns out  $M$   <sup>$n \times n$</sup>  is diagonalizable   
 \* if and only if  $\mathbb{R}^n$  has a basis of   
 E-vectors of  $M$ .

IDEA:  $M = P^{-1}DP$

means  $M$  and  $D$  rep. same transf.  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$   
with different bases...

Indeed,  $P = \text{Rep}_{B, B'}(\text{id}) \dots$

The E-vectors of  $M$  and  $D$  are the same...

In particular, for  $v \in B'$   $\text{Rep}_{B'}(v) = e_i$

$$D \text{Rep}_{B'}(v) = D e_i = d_{ii} e_i$$

↑  $i$ th entry on diag of  $D$ !

Thus  $v$  is an eigenvector for the transformation  $D$  represents! Thus  $B'$  is a basis

for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  consisting entirely of E-vectors of  $L$ .

Computationally: we can check if  $M$  is diag'ble  
by checking if E-vectors of  $M$  contain  
a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ...

↳ ① Compute  $P_M(\lambda)$ .

② Find E-values (via  $P_M(\lambda) = 0$ )

③ Compute E-vectors For Each  $\lambda$ .

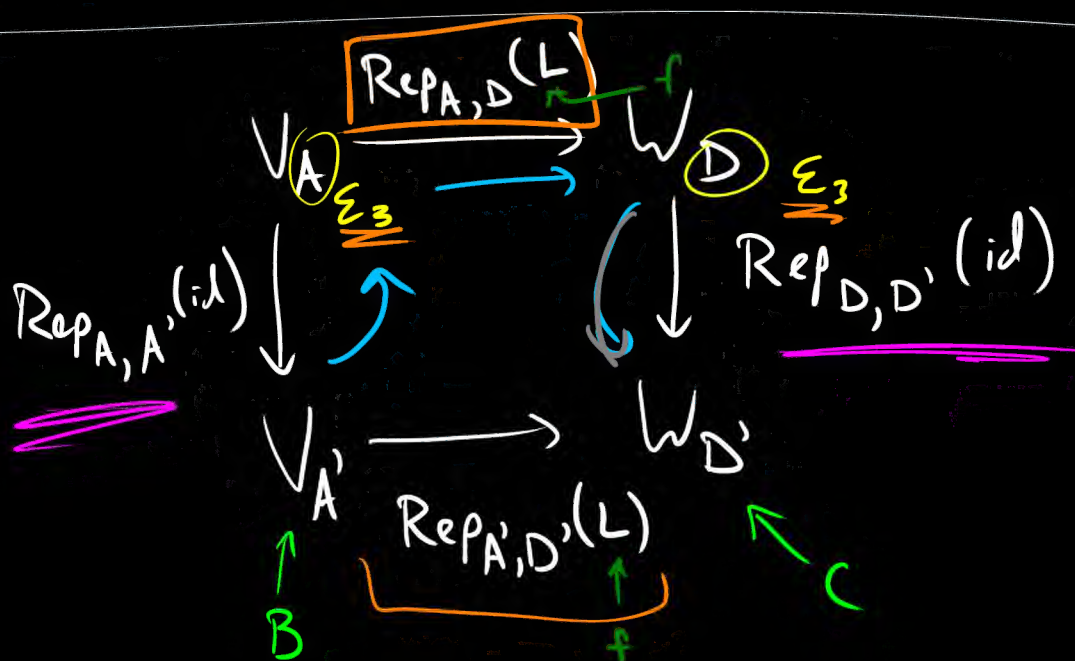
(via solving  $(M - \lambda I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  and  
computing a basis of the corresp. spe).

\* ④ Check that these bases together form a  
basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ...

Lem: If  $M$  is a matrix w/ distinct E-values  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ , then the E-spaces  $V_{\lambda_1}$  and  $V_{\lambda_2}$  have only the 0-vector in common.  
 i.e. any bases for  $V_{\lambda_1}$  and  $V_{\lambda_2}$  are lin. indep. of one another...

$\therefore$  Part (4) becomes:

(4)' There are  $n$  lin. indep E-vectors of  $M$ .



$$\text{Rep}_{B,C}(f) = \text{Rep}_{\epsilon_3,C}(\text{id}) \cdot \text{Rep}_{\epsilon_3,\epsilon_3}(f) \cdot \text{Rep}_{B,\epsilon_3}(\text{id})$$

$$[f]_B^C = \text{Rep}_{B,C}(f)$$